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By Nanalee Nichols

I have always looked at engagement and wedding announcements, obituaries, anniversaries and even birthday writeups as news. Admittedly they don't rank up there with international affairs or politics...except perhaps to the families of those people involved. It's known as soft news as opposed to hard news. We don't charge money for these items when properly submitted.

In the weekly newspaper business we know that our business is about people...people's joys, sorrows and everyday lives. Not earth shaking, but very, very important. And, we have always viewed charging money for these write ups as one of two things...or a combination of both. The charges are aimed at making a little money, or at least covering the expenses that go with typesetting and the space they claim in a publication. And, the charges are perhaps designed to "thin out" some of the submissions larger papers may have.

Still, I don't agree with it, and we simply won't do it as long as we can pay our bills some other way. To keep from being overrun with these items, we have a standard, basic format for obituaries, weddings, etc. This keeps things from getting "out of hand" without costing our readers.

And, while I know the phenomenal amount that large papers like the Dallas Morning News or Houston Post charge for advertising, I really don't think I had grasped just how expensive something like an obituary could be in one of those publications!

I learned last week that an obituary, not abnormally long and containing no photograph cost \$600 in a huge daily!

Six hundred dollars, I'll write it out for you so you won't think I've made a misprint on the amount.

While I know that big dailies have lots of expenses and lots of weddings, engagements, anniversaries and obituaries to run, I also know they have the luxury of much more space and income in proportion. Why, then, cannot they specify the length on these items and charge a modest amount for them if they charge at all?

I'm horrified at that kind of expense for a grieving family!

They can run their business as they choose, of course. And we will continue to run our the way we choose. And we choose to continue to try and focus on what is the reason for our being here...people, and their lives.

## Lamar County fire ban extended to April 5th

Lamar County fire ban will continue until 5 p.m. Friday, April 5.

In a special meeting of Commissioner's Court Monday morning the ban was discussed with various Volunteer Fire Departments.

It was decided to leave the ban in place for the additional time.

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## Report says "Small Schools Work Better"

A recent report in the February, 1996 issue of **Texas Center for Educational Research** entitled "Sizing Up the Schools" says that smaller seems to work better because people seem to flourish better in environments where they have some sense of control or influence. Breaking organizations into a more manageable unit contributes to greater efficiency and adaptability, the article says.

The report stated that at the school level it is important to create a smaller environment where teachers and students can come to know one another. The article gave some examples of schools in the U.S. that are using the "School-within-a-school" concept to break their schools and classes into smaller units. One example cited was that of the city of Philadelphia which has reorganized its 22 neighborhood high schools into "charter schools" of 200 to 400 students to raise academic standards and improve the personal relationships between teachers and students.

The report goes on to point out other virtues of smaller school districts and also refers to research which shows that consolidation rarely saves school districts money since administrative costs are such a small part of the operating budget of a school.

The article deals with such things as Social Effects of School Size. Social involvement leads to social integrations which leads to better behavior, studies show. Seniors in small schools, for example, reported more extra curricular activities than seniors in large schools by a factor of over

two to one.

Other studies show claim that larger student bodies produce a poor school climate that encourages dropping out. Other studies indicate that larger school size destroys a sense of community in a school, leaving "an atmosphere ripe for students to 'drop through the cracks'."

Large school proponents argue that there are greater opportunities to take more courses. But, how large does the school have to be to realize the benefits of additional course offerings? Once graduating-class size reaches 50 to 99 students, a rough parity in advanced courses seems to be reached. The article says that "unfortunately, the opportunity for course taking is offset by the diminished opportunities for extra-curricular forms of enrichment and personal interaction.

One study even says that as class size increases, student achievement declines.

A study by Berlin and Cienkus says "Why does smaller work better? It is speculated that people seem to learn, to change and to grow in situations in which they feel they have some control, some personal influence, some efficacy."

This study was written by unbiased Texas people who were appointed to this project by the Texas Association of Schools Boards, The Texas Association of School Administrators, and the State Board of Education. Therefore, the study should have credibility.



**LOADING-"Victim" Melinda Corso was put onto a back board and loaded into the ETMC Medic One helicopter by personnel and volunteer firemen as the Deport VFD was certified in landing zone coordination Saturday afternoon. They will now be much better able to set up day or night landing zones and handle emergencies that require a helicopter removal of injured.(Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)**

## Chili Cookoff Is Fast Approaching

The 7th Annual Deport American Legion along with the Deport Baseball Association Chili and Bean Cookoff is rapidly approaching.

The first event will be on Friday, night, April 5th at the American Legion Hall at 5:30. This will be a supper and beginning at 7:30 P.M. there will be an auction.

The Saturday schedule will be as follows: Games for the children, including train rides, basketball tosses, fish pond, duck races, bed races and

much more. A concession stand will provide a variety of foods. Arts and Crafts booths are welcome, there is plenty of room for all. This will be a C.A.S.I. (Chili Appreciation Society International) sanctioned Cookoff and local cooks will also be competing in the Cookoff. Fire Departments are urged to compete. Who knows, you may be a champion chili or bean cook! Entry fee is \$15 for Chili and \$5 for beans. This can be paid on Saturday morning on site. Come on out and have fun and help raise money for worthy causes.



**WORK-Susan Schotz, FNP at St. Joseph's Rural Health Clinic in Deport, directs Jackie Risinger and Donald Crawford on where to put file cabinets as the clinic is being painted, cleaned and generally "spiffed up" to better serve area patients on a daily basis. The clinic was certified last week as a Rural Health Clinic. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)**

## Bethel trying to put preacher on the roof

The Bethel Baptist Church would like to invite you to join with them for Sunday School and Services each week, but especially now. The members are trying to put pastor, Jerry Moore on the roof.

In explanation, if the group can get 80 in Sunday School by March 31, Brother Jerry is obligated to sit on the roof of the church, in a saddle and eat Sardines and crackers while members enjoy a barbecue lunch with all the trimmings in the Fellowship Hall.

Your help is needed to make this happen. The Southernaires Quartet will be visiting guests for the morning service and will sing in concert at 1:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the day with us.



**The Southernaires, to perform at Bethel Baptist Church**

## Fifth Sunday Singing set at Pattonville Baptist

The Cunningham Baptist Church, the Pattonville Baptist Church and the Faith Baptist Church of Deport are having the Fifth Sunday Singing on March 31st at 6:00 p.m. at the Pattonville Baptist Church.

The Phillip Lamb group will be singing. Refreshments will be served after the singing.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## People 'n Things

There will be Easter Sunrise Services on April 7th at the Cunningham Baptist Church. All area communities are invited to attend this service.

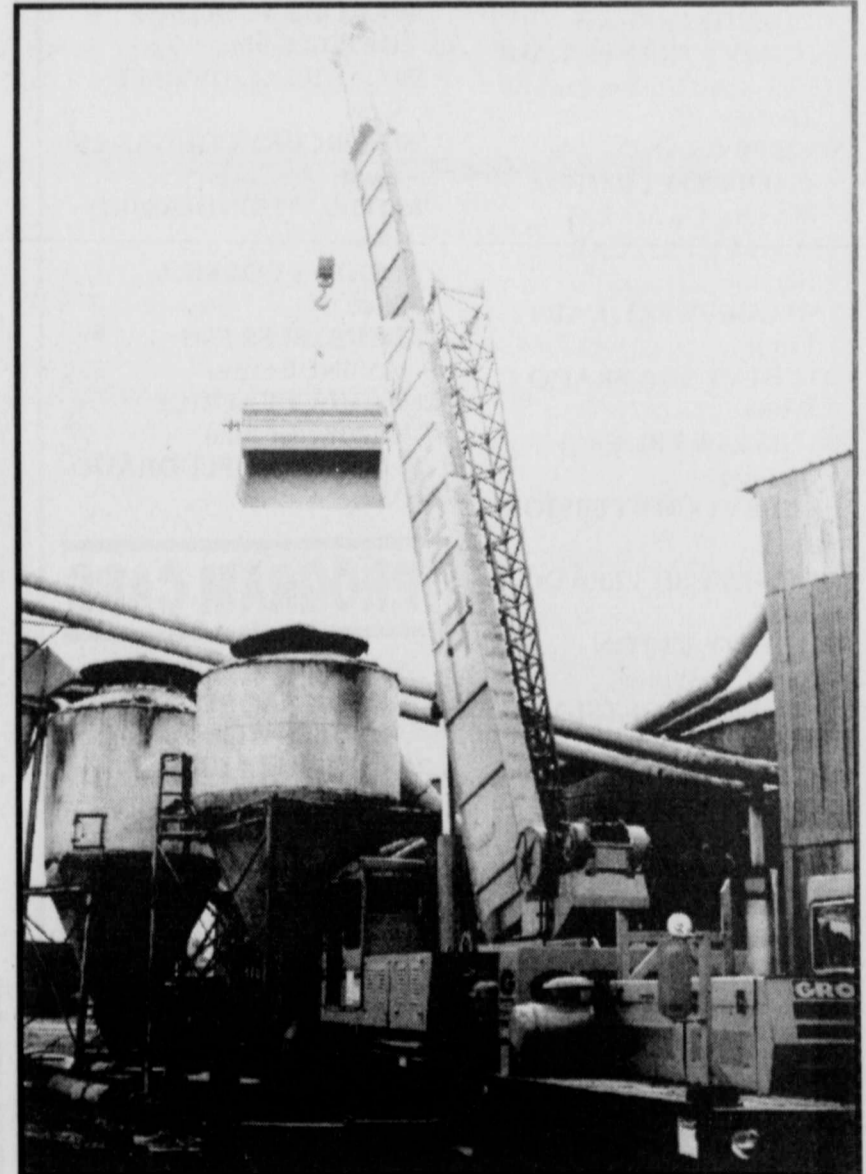
## Methodist Church will observe Easter

The First United Methodist Church of Deport will be holding special Easter services this year, in observance of the Easter holiday.

On Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m., a special Easter program will be presented. On Thursday, April 4, a Maunday Thursday service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

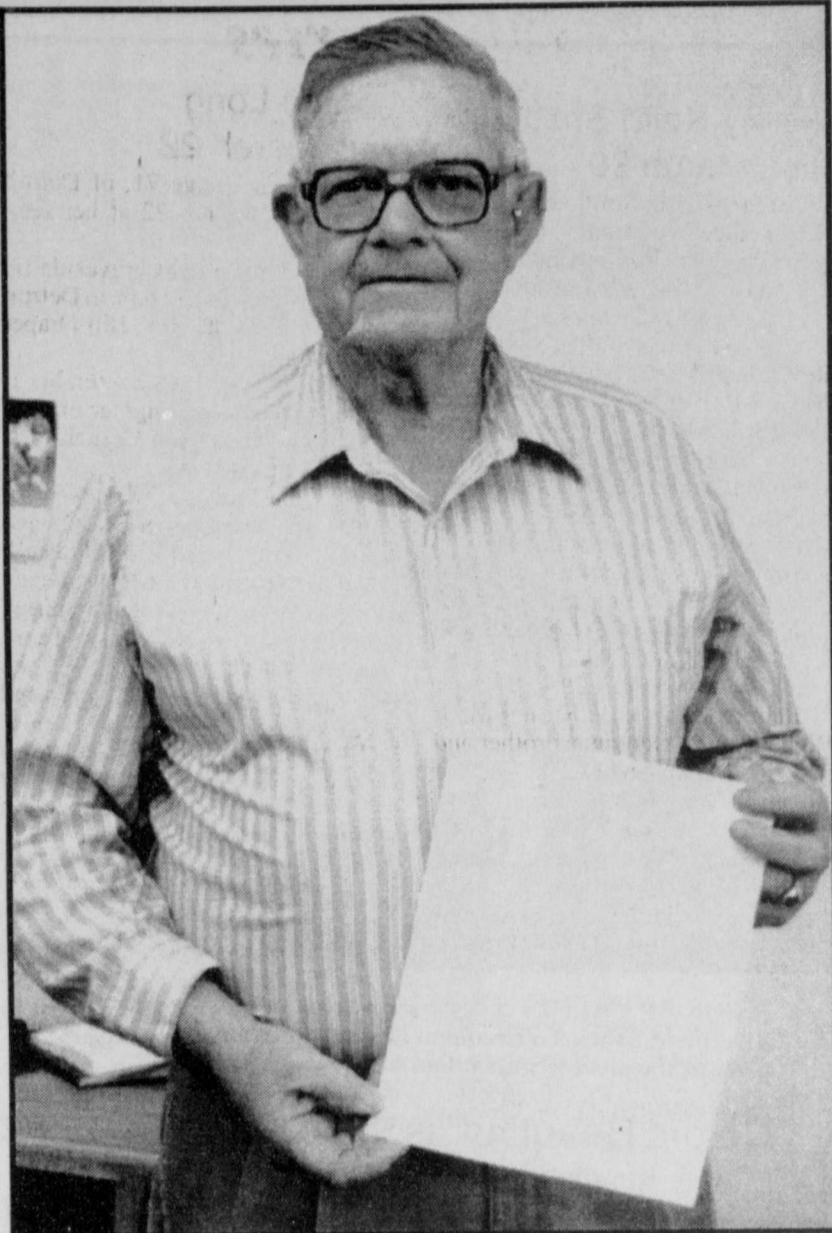
A Seder supper will be served along with the traditional Lord's Supper. This event is an experience of the Passover and everyone is welcome to come and take part in the service.

Please call 652-4925 for reservations for the Seder supper.



**BIG CRANE- Blackland Prairie Gin had to use this big crane to drop the sections of their new stick cleaner through the roof of the gin last Friday. The new equipment, which comes from Lubbock, will remove sticks and even flecks of green leaf from cotton being ginned, providing a better grade, according to gin owner Earl Gresham. For picked cotton the machine can be bypassed. The crane came from Commerce. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)**





Mayor Charles Foster, Re-appointed to committee

**Foster re-appointed to ATPIC**

Deport Mayor Charles Foster has been reappointed by Governor George Bush as a representative of Organized Labor to the Ark-Texas Private Industry Council.

Mayor Foster will serve the program under the job training partnership act.

The Ark Texas Private Industry Council was created in 1983 through the Federal Job Training Partnership Act to work with chief elected officials in nine Northeast Texas counties. Its purpose is to develop goals and programs relating to training and employment for disadvantaged youth

ages 14-21, and adults as well as displaced workers. The 31-member council identifies needs, assesses programs to fill those needs and eliminate duplication of services with other state and federal agencies. The ArkTex Council of Government serves as the administrative agency for the JTPA system. Membership in ATPIC consists primarily of organized labor, economic development, community-based organizations, rehabilitation agencies and public employment services. This past year, ATPIC has the overseeing of more than 3.1 million dollars which goes directly into the Northeast Texas Economy.

**Phi Theta Kappa Initiation held**

The Beta Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Paris Junior College held its annual initiation ceremony last Thursday.

Eligibility in the honor society requires a student to have completed one regular semester at PJC, have accumulated 12 credit semester hours, have a grade point average of 3.5, and be within the upper scholastic 10% of

the regularly enrolled student body. Area students being initiated into the chapter are: Pamela Smith of Bagwell; Felishia Lemonds and Angie Poole of Blossom; Dorie Smith of Bogata; Marsha Sessions of Deport; Patricia Woodall of Pattonville; and Stephen Hall of Talco.



Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wright married 50 years

**Grady & Kathryn Wright celebrate golden anniversary**

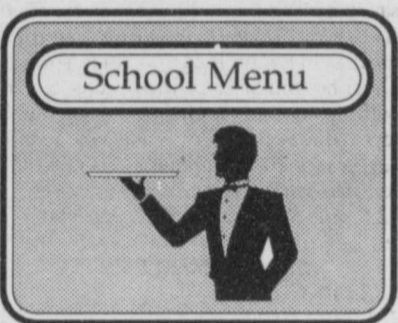
Grady and Kathryn Wright celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 23 at their home with a family dinner hosted by their children and their spouses, Mike and Sharon Wright, Kyle and Lisa Wright, Kent and Ann Wright and Ken and Pam Hunt.

On Sunday, March 24, the couple were honored with a surprise reception at New Hope Baptist Church in Paris.

Kathryn Burks and Grady Wright

were married March 23, 1946 at the home of Rev. Guyon Foster in Paris. They have eight grandchildren, Dakota Wright, Bob, Troy and Brad Hunt, Jamie and Katie Mullins, Kandi Wright and Brandon Wright and three granddaughters-in-law, Amy Wright and Rene and Corinne Hunt.

Also attending were Tera Anderson of Blossom, Michael Spray of Blossom, Cindy Burks of Campbell and Claud Burks of Deport.



**School Menu**

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School Lunch Menu  
April 1-5

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**Tuesday**  
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Milk

**Wednesday**  
Turkey w/gravy  
Potatoes  
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Milk

**Thursday**  
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Fruit  
Milk

**Friday**  
Holiday

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—Plutarch

Tandy Technology announces prize recipients

The Tandy Technology announced the 1996 prize recipients of their scholarship program.

Each year, Tandy Corporation and RadioShack seek out and reward 200 of the brightest, most industrious minds in America's classrooms. A total of \$350,000, in awards and scholarships, is presented to teachers and students who have achieved excellence in the areas of science, computer science and mathematics. One hundred teachers receive \$2,500 each and 100 students receive cash scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Now in its seventh year, Tandy Technology Scholars has awarded

\$2.5 million and 211,000 certificates of academic excellence.

Nearly 77 percent of all secondary schools in the United States are enrolled in this prestigious education initiative. Funded by Tandy Corporation and administered by Texas Christian University, the program is open to accredited high schools across the nation. Tandy prize recipients were selected by a panel of educators and approved by the National Advisory Council.

In the top 2% Academic Nominees and receiving a certificate was Jeremy Troy Little of Prairiland High School.



JASON BRAMLETT takes 3rd place in the 1600 meter race at the Rivercrest Track Tournament last Saturday. Prairiland took 4th place at the meet. (Staff Photo)

"Colors Beautiful" is theme for flower show

"Colors Beautiful" will be the theme for the Paris Council Garden Clubs' Standard Spring Flower Show in the home of Mrs. Orleta Coston, 620 26 S.E. and open to the public from 2 until 4 o'clock with no admission charge, Saturday, April 20.

Mrs. Leo Parsons, president, says garden club members will make the 24 designs to be displayed throughout the home and they will be eligible for the National Creativity Award. The public is welcome to enter the Design Division Invitational Class with reservations necessary by April 15.

The public is also invited to enter Horticulture Division I, bringing large container plants Friday afternoon, April 19 from 2 until 4. Smaller plants and flower specimens may be entered Saturday morning from 8 until

9:30. Judging by National Flower Show Judges begins at 10, with top awards including Horticultural Excellence, five Awards of Merit, Arboreal, Collectors Showcase and Sweepstakes. An Educational Award and Awards of Appreciation are also offered.

The Invitational Section, "Colors For You, Too!" and all classes in Horticulture Division are open to non club members.

The Althea High School Garden Club Division includes sections for design and horticulture. Two educational exhibits will be displayed; an exhibit by the Chisum Elementary School First Grade Class and a Commercial exhibit by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Castlebury of their day lily farm.

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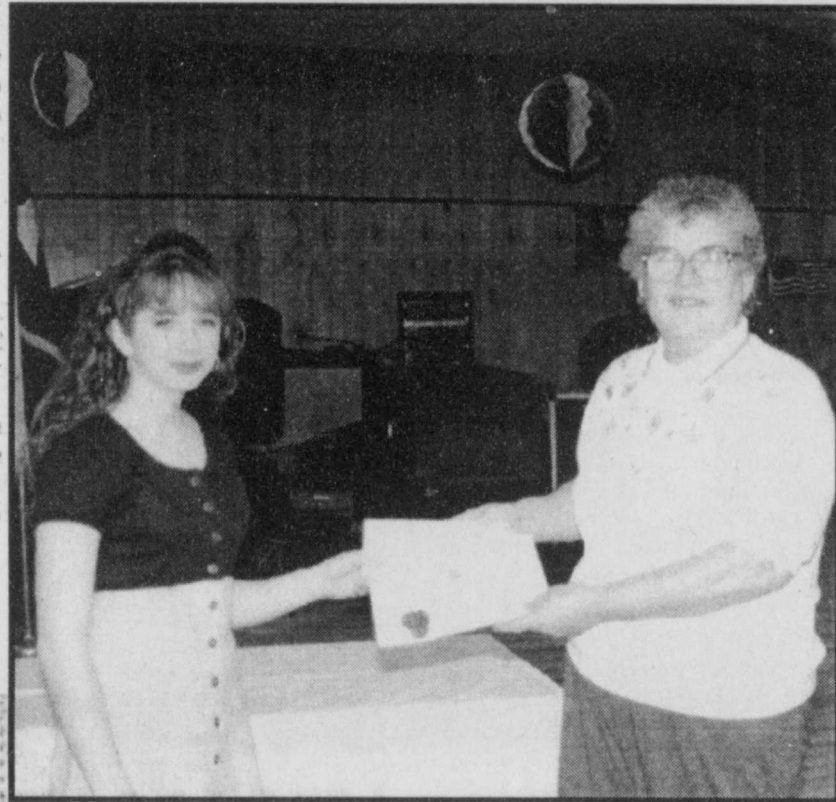
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**JOSH SMITH**, Prairiland High School Student, received first place in the VFW Ladies Auxiliary "My American Hero" essay contest. Velma Pool presented him his award at a banquet held Tuesday, March 19. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



**AWARD**-Jennifer Robertson of Blossom, a Freshman at Prairiland High School, received the POW/MIA essay contest award from the V.F.W. 3990 Ladies Auxiliary Tuesday night, March 19. She was presented the award by Velma Pool. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



**LOOKING and learning**-East Texas Medical Center EMS Helicopter pilot "Woody" Woodard explains the aircraft's various functions to Pattonville VFD Chief Keith Crossland. Area fire departments took part in the training seminar at the Deport Volunteer Fire Department station last Saturday. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)

### Awards night held at VFW post

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 3990 held a banquet at the Post Home last Tuesday, March 19.

A spaghetti and chicken spaghetti supper was served with all the trimmings for members and their guests.

Welcome was given by Commander Bud Mackey and President Shirley Smith.

After the meal awards were given. The Voice of Democracy 2nd place winner Mandy Wilson read her speech. Other winners were First place, Melissa Lockwood and 3rd, Brandi Hunter.

Awards were given to Eagle Scouts for their achievements, and Stewart Dodson was honored for his "Think Child Safety" efforts.

Celebrate America Directors were honored, as were Linda Little and Pat elton.

Glenda Owens presented Youth Activity Citations of Merit and Leonard Redman of Christians In Action accepted an award for their actions.

Nursing Home Citations were given and safety Awards were given to Volunteer Fire Departments throughout Lamar and Red River Counties.

Dispatchers for Lamar and Red River County law enforcement agencies were given awards.

Publicity Citations were given, including a special plaque to Thunder Prairie Publishing.

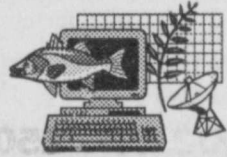
Awards went to Jennifer Robertson for her POW/MIA essay.

Josh Smith of Prairiland received an award for his "My American Hero" essay.

It was an enjoyable and rewarding evening for those attending and receiving awards.



**AWARD**-Nanalee Nichols of Thunder Prairie Publishing was given a special plaque March 19 by the V.F.W. 3990 Ladies Auxiliary. The plaque reads "Presented to Thunder Prairie Publishing, in promoting Americanism through Superior News Coverage". It was presented by Commander Bud Mackey and Pat Friday. (Staff Photo by Thomas Nichols)



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The purpose of psychology is to give us a completely different idea of the things we know best.

—Paul Valéry

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### Prairiland boys take fourth place at Rivercrest

The Patriot track and field team travelled to Rivercrest Saturday March 23 and received fourth place out of nine teams, scoring 48 1/2 points.

Placing and earning points for the team were; Cory May, First place,

high jump, Adam Walker, Second place, high jump, Sixth place, long jump, Justin Taylor, Fourth place, high jump, Roy Arrasmith, Third place, 300 meter hurdles, Jason Bramlett, Third place, 1600 meter run, Tim Mullins, Fourth place, 400

meter run, Sam Money, Fifth place, 200 meter dash, Fourth place in the 1600 meter relay was won by, Roy Arrasmith, Tim Mullins, Mike Steward and Yinchiro Omori and Tommy Spray qualified for the finals in discus. Good job Pats!

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Prairiland	3	6	0
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### Patriots out-slug Panthers

The Patriots traveled to Paris Tuesday to play the North Lamar Panthers. With the wind chill at 21 degrees the Pats started out hot with lead-off hitter Chris Malone knocking the second pitch over the right field wall for a Patriot lead. Singles from Quinn Sessums and Mike Yaross and a sacrifice fly from David Ford gave the Pats the lead in the first inning of 3-0.

With two outs in the second inning, Rhett Fendley would send a stand-up double to the fence in right with a Malone walk and Sessums reaching on an error. Zach Allen would clear the bases with a double

to center. Jeremy Day would score Allen with another double. With Day on second, Yaross would send the ball over the right field wall for the Patriots second home run and the Pats would lead 9-0 after two innings. The Pats would end up getting 14 hits on all, taking the win 15-4. Day would get the win, going the distance (7 innings) striking out 7 and walking only 2.

Leading hitters were Yaross 3-5(HR), Allen 2-3(2-2B), Fendley 2-4(1-2B), Cass Titsworth 2-4, Sessums 2-5(1-2B), Malone 1-4(HR) and Day 2-4(1-2B).

### Prairiland golf teams begin year

The boys and girls golf teams have started a successful year so far.

The girls team has won a first place trophy in the Dodd City High School Tournament. They won second place in the Commerce Tournament and fourth place in the Whitewright Tournament.

The golf team members are; Kenlea Jones, Breah Sessums, Paige Lyon, Katha Crawford, Brandi Upchurch, Kendra Hicks and Meagan Hatfield.

The boys team has started good this year, they finished in seventh place in the Commerce Tournament, fourth place in the North Lamar Golf

Tournament, and had a good showing in the Whitewright Tournament placing seventh out of twenty-two teams.

Boys team members are; Bryan Gifford, Matt Wright, Shannon Lamb, Mike Hooge and Brent Bostic.

Coach Baker would like to say thanks to the Booster Club and Administration for helping with the purchase of the new Ping golf bags for the players.

The District tournament is to be April 1 for the girls and April 8 for the boys at the Delta County Country Club in Cooper.

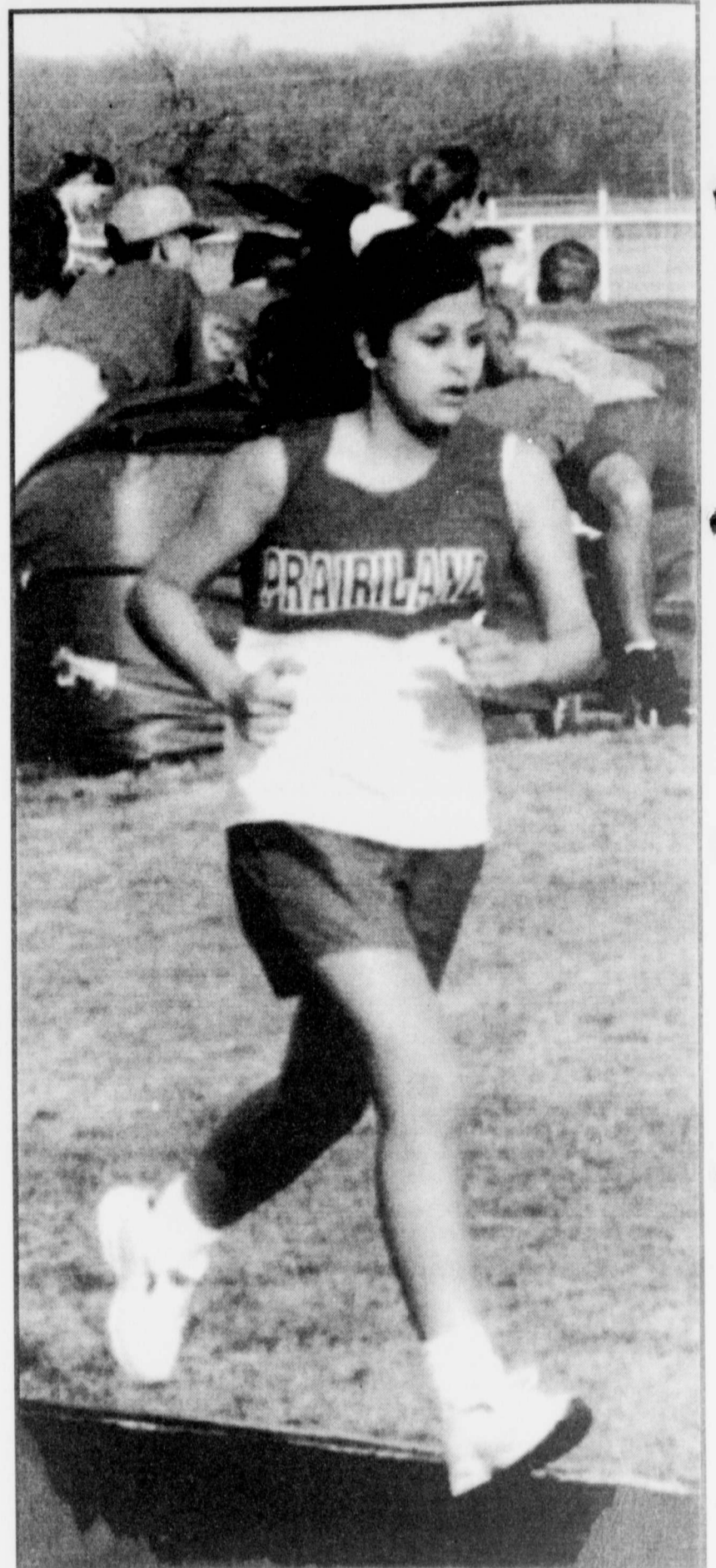
### Lady Pats track team takes fourth

In Saturday's Rivercrest Relays, the Lady Pats took fourth place out of nine teams garnering 59 points. In field events, Traci Griffin won Sixth place in discus and Fourth place in shot while Suzie Sutton took Fourth in discus. In the track events the 400 meter relay team of Breah Sessums, Brandi Upchurch, Meagan Hatfield and Katie Mullins placed Third. Also

the 800 meter relay team of Anna Thompson, Kendra Hicks, Kristina Patterson and Sarah Hooge placed Fifth, while the 1600 meter relay team of Hicks, Thompson, Hooge and Shasta took Fourth.

In individual events, Breah Sessums won Second in the 300 meter hurdles and Fourth in the 100 meter dash. Meagan Hatfield won Third in 100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles. Brandi Upchurch placed Fourth in the 400 meter run. Elizabeth Tapia won Fourth in the 3200 meter run and Fifth in the 1600 meter run.

Saturday the Lady Patriots will compete in Leonard.



ELIZABETH TAPIA of Prairiland participates in the Rivercrest Track Tournament last Saturday in the 1600 meter race. The girls came out in 4th place at the meet. (Staff Photo)

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**PRAIRILAND UIL WINNERS** at the recent Chisum meet are left to right seated in front is Amanda Rogers, Chad Johnston, Anna Thompson. Middle row is Nicole Stewart, Micheal Richardson, Jason Bramlett, Chris Hudson. Back row is Jeremy Fox, Josh Uhl, Jasper Clarkson, Josh Smith and Tony Love. Not pictured is Julie Davis, Amber McQuatters and Quaylon Battle. (Staff Photo by Jan Tyson)

**Prairiland competes in UIL meet**

Several Prairiland High School students participated in the UIL District Meet at Paris Junior College last Friday, competing against Cooper, Rivercrest, Chisum, Honey Grove and Como Pickton. Jasper Clarkson won first place in Science, 1st in Biology and 2nd in Math. Also in Science, Jason Bramlett placed 7th and Tony Love placed 8th. The science team of Jasper Clarkson, Jason Bramlett and Tony Love won 2nd place overall.

Chris Hudson placed 1st in Lincoln-Douglas debate while Chad Johnston took 1st in Persuasive Speaking and 4th in Prose.

Other winners were Micheal Richardson with a 3rd in Editorial Writing, Amber McQuatters 5th in Poetry, Nicole Stewart 6th in Feature Writing and Julie Davis 9th in Literary Criticism.

Jasper Clarkson, Chris Hudson, Chad Johnston and Micheal Richardson have qualified for the Regional Tournament to be held on April 20 in Tyler.

**Blossom Housing holds luncheon**

On Thursday, March 21, 1996 the residents of the Blossom Prairie Housing Authority held their monthly luncheon and group meeting. Lunch was prepared by the group and everyone enjoyed the meal.

After the meal, every person was given a paper plate and a brown paper bag containing diffie rent items to create their own Easter bonnet. Results were beautiful bonnets and fun for everyone. Each lady modeled her bonnet and pictures were taken.

The door prize was won by Wayne Barnett. Those attending were Helen Ferrario, Mildred York, Etta Timby, Alice Whitecotton, Wayne Barnett, Georgia Clark, Aileen Herron, Dorothy Wilson and Dot Bailey.

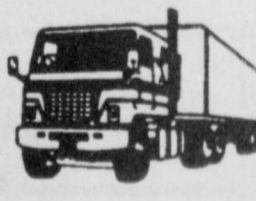
The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18 at the Housing Authority Community Building.

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Happy Anniversary and Birthdays to Mr. and Mrs. Burgie Thompson.

Billie Jean Henry spent Saturday in Dallas with her sister Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Shelton and family. Accompanying her from Paris was her sister Tommie Thomas and niece Joan Smith.

Jim Weddle of Denton spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Weddle. Jr. returned home with Jim on Sunday and was taken to the doctor in Dallas for a check-up. Pauline Weddle and Pat Evers traveled to Greenville on Monday, had lunch and did some shopping and picked up Jr. there after his check-up.

Rita Mieras of Bedford visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bonner.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Cleveland attended an Eastern Star meeting in DeKalb on Monday night. On Friday night attended a Past Matrons and

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Past Patrons meeting in Deport. On Saturday they assisted in the workshop at the East Post Oak Baptist Church for their upcoming Vacation Bible School. Mr. Cleveland cooked hamburgers for everyone at noon. They visited with their grandson and family in Wichita, Kansas by phone on Sunday. He will be training in Wichita Falls, Texas soon as part of his Air Force career.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parks of Lewisville visited with his grandmother Margaret Parks last week.

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With the recent rain in north Texas, wildflower enthusiasts may still get their yearly dose of lemon mint, winecups and sunflowers. "Our typical early spring wildflowers—the bluebonnets and Indian paintbrush—may not be quite as good statewide this year due to the lack of rain", said Craig Steffens, Texas Department of Transportation's director of landscape design. "They'll be good in some areas and, since we've gotten some rain, there's still time for a great season of the late spring wildflowers. And in Texas, even an off-year for wildflowers can still be spectacular,"

he added. Wildflowers lure thousands of Texas and tourists to the road each spring and to help in that search, TxDOT has begun its Wildflower Reporting Service. Wildflower seekers can call TxDOT's toll-free travel information hotline, 1-800-452-9292, the Travel Information Center in Denison at 903-463-2860 or the Paris District of TxDOT at 903-737-9244 for directions to the best places to see flowers.

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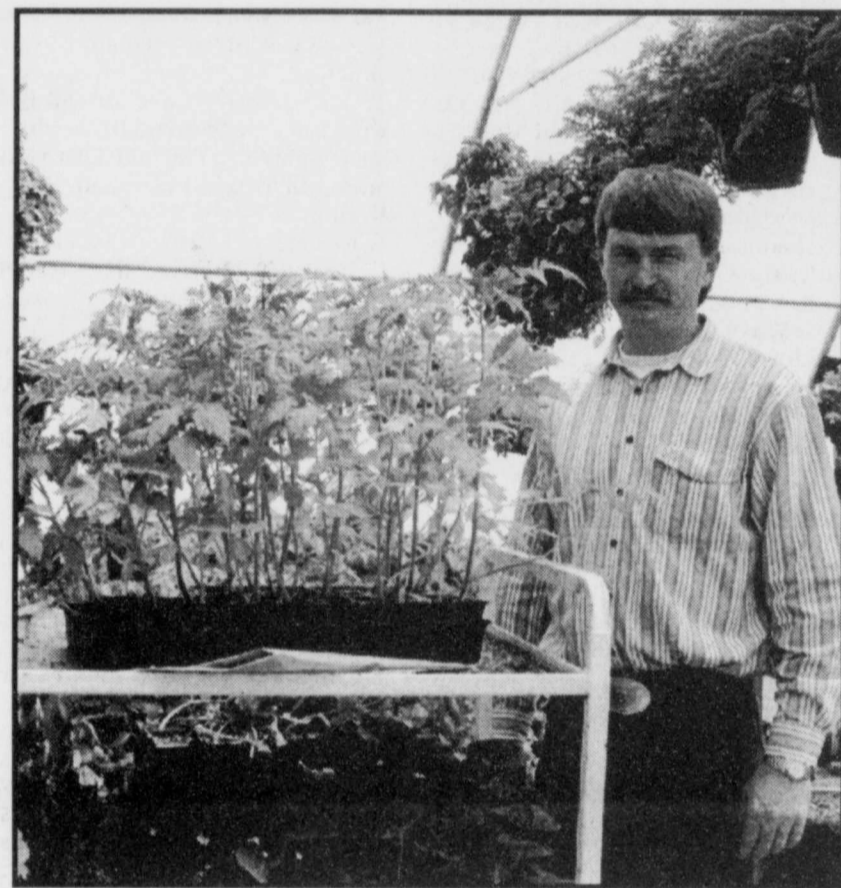
Howdeshell, Travel and Information Division director. Last year, more than 6,400 calls were logged in on the service from March 13 through May 7.

Howdeshell added that wildflower lovers can also check them out in the April issue of *Texas Highways* magazine, which will feature a spectacular wildflower layout.

Hotline callers and information center visitors can also get the scoop on East and Central Texas' wildflower trails and festivals. Most include food, music, crafts and of course, wildflowers.



PRAIRILAND FFA'ers have plants galore for sale in their greenhouse on the Prairiland campus. Pictured here purchasing plants from the group is Katherine Little, Mrs. Jeff McDowra and Phyllis Mazy and Prairiland Ag instructor Jeff Ballard. Mr. Ballard is in charge of the greenhouse, teaches horticulture and invites the public to come out a view these projects grown by the students. They will also have a display of the plants at the upcoming Prairiland Livestock Show on April 13. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)



BEAUTIFUL TOMATOES- Prairiland Ag teacher Jeff Ballard stands beside some of the gorgeous tomato plants the FFA has for sale now, along with many other varieties of plants, vegetables and flowers. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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Jesus Christ was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead..." (Romans. 1:4). As the son of God, Jesus' coming into this world had at least two major purposes: 1) To establish His church and save His people from their sins (Matthew. 16:18; 1:21); 2) To declare the truth that God wanted people to know. Shortly before Jesus' crucifixion, Pilate asked Jesus if He were a king. Jesus' reply was, "...To this end have I been born, and to this end I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice" (John 18:37). Pilate's question in reply is significant, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). True happiness is related to the truth found in the Lord Jesus Christ! If one is interested in true happiness, he or she will have to listen to the truth declared by Jesus. There is no other way.

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By JaLynda Mitchell

Just when you think you can drag out your summer clothes, a cold front blows in and it's time for warmer things to wear. It will be hot summer soon, and we will be wishing for some cooler weather, though.

Freddy Burden taught our Tuesday Bible Study. Later that day we played the penny drop game with Johnnie McLemore winning 1st, Nina Hale & Jewel Smith tied for 2nd and Frankie Archibald and Jimmy Middleton tied for 3rd. Wednesday we played lawn dice with Jane Rhoades winning 1st, Frankie Archibald 2nd and Harold Norris 3rd.

Since today was the first day of spring we celebrated with ice cream cones. Thursday we played in peanut butter and birdseed and replenished our bird feeders. We had our monthly birthday party with the First Baptist Church hosting it. Broehr Freddy Burden shared from the Bible and Marsha Burden sang several songs. Friday Sam Campbell came and taught Bible Study. Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff brought a Bill and Gloria Gather video for us to watch. Sunday Rab, Tim and Tina Skidmore did Sunday School along with providing music. Leslie Chapel Church from the Georgia Community sang for us Sunday afternoon. Monday we played Bingo with 21 residents playing. Billie Mazy and Debbie Smith helped with the game.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Joe Chancellor.

We would like to welcome back Burks Docfrey and Lena Powell from the hospital.

We want to welcome Lloyd Moore to Deport Nursing Home.

Visitors of Larry Teague were Jim and Marie Wright, Esther Cunningham, and Joseph W. Teague.

Mamie Fletcher's visitors were Mike, Lila, Bren, Kara and Hali Screws, and Becky Proctor.

Nelson Jacksom visited John Rodgers.

James White visited Elizabeth Bar-

nett.

Carl Maddux was visited by Jean Plenjepp, Winnie Maddux, Ida Bell Brown and Katherine Maddux.

Mabel Dean Harvey, Jean Morrison, Jim, Nell and Angie Gardner, Vicki Sawyer, Diana Yong, Michael and Tiffany Webb, Shorty Ballard and Carl Mitchell visited Ola Gardner.

Visiting David Geer Were Cecil Allen, Freddy Burden, Sam Campbell and Bill Geer.

Esther Cunningham, Mary Hudson and Ida Lou Read came and helped Lizzie Wright celebrate her 103rd birthday.

Paula Sue and Amelia Pervis visited Marietta Parsons.

Nina Hale and Clarence Ham's visitors were Nannie Bell Ham and Nell Shull.

Jo WRenn's visitors were Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson, Pam Campbell, Chance Crawford and Amanda Middleton.

Fred and Barbara Biggerstaff, Curely Dickerson, and Gene Thielman visited Don O'Dea.

Visitors of Terry McDowra were Angela and Dustin Salter, Cherry Salter and Buddy Freeman.

Jane Rhoades daughters, Patti Amis and Becky Hayes took her out to lunch for her birthday.

Lena Powell's visitors were Janie Martin, Sue, Daniel, Shelby, Jesse, Darla and Corbin Hart.

Edith Franklin was visited by Steven and Patsy Ward.

Sue Goley, Rhonda and Cameron McClure, Clista, Felicia, Heather and Earl Jr. Filkins, Donald Ray and Dynetta Smith and Shirley Haskell visited Jewel Smith.

Visiting Bonnie Johnson were Sharon and Jim Johnson, Misti Fields, Kristi Johnson, Bryan, Kathy and Brookelynn Johnson.

Wayne and Floy Williams visited Lloyd Williams.

terry Johnson's visitors were Cecil Allen, Dorothy Holt, Joyce Wilson and Evelyn Roach.

Mary Bell Igo visited her mother,

Faye Woodard.

Betty Gardner was visited by Pat Talley and Debbie Smith.

Visitors of Billie Sawyer were Mary, Slater, and Vicki Sawyer.

Edd and Sandra Burke Burnett, Carol Newberry, Randy Anderson, Mickey Anderson, Hattie Mae Bailey and Linda Anderson visited Burks Dockary.

Edna Glasgow's visitors were Floria Rigsby, Betty and Edward Glasgow.

Namoni Vincent and Luddie Hill were visited by Angie Burris and Glenna Finley.

Visiting Johnnie Warren were Mr. and Mrs. James Courtney, Mary Stegall, Brena Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slusher, Barbara Dunlap, Lucky Fowler, Evelyn Roach, Jennifer and Carol Dorsey.

Melvina Dinwiddie was visited by Shorty Ballard and Joseph Filkins.

Betty Middleton was visited by Bert and Joseph Filkins, Steven, Dina, Chris, Brent, Amanda Middleton, Nell and George Wolf, Angie and Lyn Wolf.

Nelda Harrell, Evelyn Roach, Lucy Fowler and Nannie Bell Ham visited Miriam Shannon. Mannie Mazy's visitors were Sara and Paul Mazy, Shorty Ballard and Billie Mazy.

Visitors of Marlin and Sara Gilmer were Gene and Doris Lamrard, Dewey and Marline Thomas, Weldon, and Joyce Smith, Don and Susan Shovan.

Nancy Murphy visited Russell Grant.

Doris Norwood and Brodie Bell were visited by Sara and Billie Mazy, Sam Campbell, Tim and Tina Skidmore, Martha Glover and Reecy Kelsey.

Johnnie and Virgie McLemore's visitors were Shorty Ballard, Harrell and Lois McLemore and Mack McLemore.

Grace Griffin was visited by Wynell Gilbreath and Shorty Ballard.

Visiting Jimmy Middleton were Steve, Dina, Chris, Brent and Amanda Middleton and Nell Wolf.

## Depression

Feeling "depressed" may be a fleeting mood of a few moments to several days--what is usually referred to as "feeling blue" or "being down." This is not diagnosed as depression, medically speaking, and, in most cases, can be self-treated. Each of us knows what diversions will lift our spirits, and we usually seek that sort of distraction to dispel the temporary depressed feeling. In addition, it is natural for people who have had a recent loss, for instance, to feel grief, sadness and other symptoms of "depression" for even a longer period of time. This kind of grief reaction is also not considered a medical problem unless it persists.

Depression becomes a medical problem when it immobilizes a person, leaving him or her unable to carry on normal activities or to derive pleasure from any source.

# Lady Patriot golf makes good showing

The Lady Patriots golf team has won a first and two seconds and a fifth in golf tournaments this season.

In the Commerce Tournament the Lady Pats placed second behind Quinlan-Ford. The girls only played nine holes because of inclement weather. Kenlea Jones was low with a 49, Breah Sessums 51, Brandie Upchurch 54, Kendra Hicks 60, Katha Crawford 60, and Meagan Hatfield, 65.

In the Dodd City Tournament the Lady Patriots won first place ahead of Quinlan-Ford's second place finish. Breah Sessums, third place medalist, shot an 85, Kenlea Jones 88, Meagan Hatfield 117 and Kendra Hicks, 119.

In the Whitewright Tournament the girls won fifth place with Kenlea Jones bringing in a 98, Katha Crawford 105, Paige Lyon 113 and

Kendra Hicks, 114.

In the Wolfe City Tournament the girls again only played nine holes and also placed second behind Quinlan-Ford. Kenlea Jones was a third place medalist with 45, Paige Lyon 50, Breah Sessums 51, Kendra Hicks 59, and Katha Crawford 62.

The Lady Patriots will be playing in the district tournament at Cooper next Monday.

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**Calendar of Events**  
April, 1996

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- 1..... District Girls Golf at Cooper
- ..... Girls Softball at Cooper (DH) 4:30 p.m.
- ..... JV Baseball at Paris
- 2..... District Tennis PJC and Culbertson Park
- ..... Blossom K-Roundup, 9:00 a.m.
- ..... Baseball: Como-Pickton, Here, 4:30 p.m.
- ..... Area Land Judging FFA
- 3..... District Tennis Continues
- ..... Six Weeks Tests
- 4..... Softball: North Hopkins, Here, 4:30 p.m.
- ..... Baseball: Rivercrest, There, 4:30 p.m.
- ..... JV Baseball, Here 3:30 p.m. vs. Paris
- 5..... Good Friday Holiday
- 7..... Easter Sunday
- 8..... National Library Week
- ..... CAT Testing for K-2 this week
- ..... JV Baseball at North Lamar
- ..... School Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- ..... Baseball: Cooper, Here, 4:30 p.m.
- ..... Softball: At Saltillo, 4:30 p.m. (DH)
- 11..... FFA Area Judging Contest
- ..... Report Cards Go Out
- 12..... District High School Track
- ..... FHA State Conference
- ..... Junior High Band competition at Sandy Lake
- ..... Last day for 3-6 GT Nominations
- 13..... Prairiland Livestock Show and Auction
- ..... Baseball: Varsity vs. Leonard at PJC, 2:00 p.m.
- ..... Deport Roundup at 9:00 a.m.
- ..... Baseball: Chisum, there, 4:30 p.m.
- ..... Group pictures at Blossom
- ..... Junior High District Track Meet at Mt. Vernon, 4:00 p.m.
- ..... Texas Scholars Day at Kimberly-Clark
- 17..... Blossom 8th Graders will attend Career Day in Sulphur Springs
- 18..... Lamar County Stock Show
- 19..... Weather Day Holiday
- ..... Lamar County Stock Show
- ..... Baseball: Honey Grove, Here, 4:30 p.m.
- 22..... Blossom Junior High Sports Banquet, 7:00 p.m.
- ..... Baseball: At Como-Pickton, 4:30 p.m.
- 23..... Eighth Grade Graduation Pictures at High School, 9:30 a.m.
- 24..... Senior/Junior Prom
- 26..... Blossom Science Fair in School Cafeteria
- 27..... TAAS Math, Grades 3-8
- 30..... TAAS Ex-Level Writing
- ..... Baseball: Rivercrest, Here, 4:30 p.m.

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 April 1 ..... \*Cooper (DH) ..... There ..... 4:00  
 4 ..... \*North Hopkins ..... Here ..... 4:00  
 9 ..... \*Saltillo (DH) ..... There ..... 4:00  
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**Cunningham News**

By Jane O'Neal  
 652-6062

Life Tabernacle Church will host a 5th Sunday Singing on Sunday night. Also, the youth will present a re-enactment of the Last Supper. Refreshments will follow.

Life Tabernacle Church will host a community wide clean up on April 5th, Good Friday. The young people of all the churches will be picking up on the side of the roads, in the ditches, and on church grounds. The adults will clean the buildings. Everyone is asked to clean around their property and help beautify the community. A hot dog lunch will be served at the Life Tabernacle Fellowship building.

The Cunningham Baptist Church is holding a revival this week. Everyone is invited to attend.

Weldon Hume took Milow Hume to the Veterans Hospital in Bonham for a check-up on Monday.

Delano and Barbara Dunlap of Mesquite spent Friday night and Saturday with Lucy Fowler.

Carol and Jennifer Dorsey and Margaret and T.J. Fowler spent Saturday with Lucy Fowler.

On Saturday, Lucy Fowler, Barbara Dunlap, Clyde and Bobbye Slusher met James and Geraldine Courtney and Mary Ann Stegall of Levelland, Branda Ross of Powderly and Johnnie Warren of Deport at the

Lonesome Dove Cafe for lunch.

Jane O'Neal honored her granddaughters Janee Jackson and Kara Palmer with a birthday dinner and party on Sunday. Those present were Karla Smith, Aaron and Andrea Palmer, Sue and Murray Jackson, Dwayne, Lisa, O'Neal and Weston Drinnon.

Geneva spent Monday through Wednesday in Austin at a Long Term Care Seminar.

Billy Ray, Neva, Brandon and Georgeana Oats, Frankie, Julie, Logan, Layton and Caleb Norwood, Scottie, Treda, Amber and Spur Norwood had Sunday dinner with Geneva Norwood.

Georjeana Oats returned to school in Houston on Sunday afternoon following her spring break visit home.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight had Sunday dinner for Connie McKnight, Johnny, Fran, Johnna and Jenna Patterson.

Weston Drinnon spent Friday night with Jane O'Neal.

O'Neal Drinnon spent Friday night and Saturday with Jeremiah Jones. Weston Drinnon spent Saturday also.

Saturday night Almer and Alma Norwood had the following visitors, Charles and Cindy Nichols, Darold and Ida Mae Norwood, James Norwood, Danny, Sharon and Kenny

Norwood.

On Monday, Carl Buford and June Guthrie and Ollie Ruth Guthrie of Talco had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain.

Virginia Bell visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain on Sunday afternoon. Tim and Imogene Claypool of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain on Wednesday afternoon.

Dean Watson of Hondo spent from Thursday to Monday with Marie Watson. On Sunday they were joined for lunch by Deana and Brooklyn Legate, Dillon Gibson, Brad, Bradley and Brett Watson.

Johnny and Nelta Musgrove had Sunday lunch for Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove, and Shane and Zarinaska Morton.

Dameon White of Carthage visited Charles and Cindy Nichols on Wednesday night and Thursday.

On Thursday Charles and Cindy Nichols were in Tyler on business and visited E.J. and Barbara Nichols.

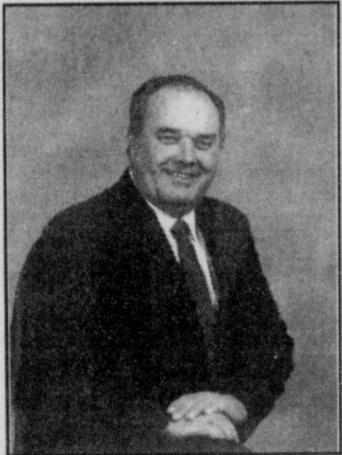
Wayne Williams of Deport had Saturday lunch with Velma Cox.

Thursday Velma Cox spent the day in Paris with Dora Hester.

Flow and Wayne Williams visited Velma Cox on Sunday afternoon.

Laytner Kennedy spent Saturday night with Bobby Ray and Shelby Kennedy.

**THANK YOU...**



I would like to thank everyone who supported and voted for me in the primary election for Commissioner Precinct One.

I would like to personally thank Mr. Musgrove for his support and welcome each of his voters in the run-off election.

Remember the Run-off election is April 9th with early voting taking place from April 1st through April 5th.

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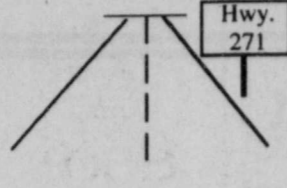


The names of the five great lakes can be remembered through the use of the mnemonic device: H-O-M-E-S. Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie and Superior.

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<p><b>ORANGES</b> 49¢ Lb.</p>		<p><b>CABBAGE</b></p> <p><b>29¢ Lb.</b></p>											



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### Pattonville News

By Peggy Gentry  
652-2244 and  
By Barbara McDowra  
652-9723

Brandon and Tanner Williams went camping during spring break with their grandparents, James and Bernice Bell.

Tim and Pat Davis are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, Hayley. She was born March 11th in Blackston, VA. Her parents are Tony and Tammy Rubio.

Bill Blevins celebrated his birthday March 16th and Ruby Blevins celebrated her birthday March 23rd. Happy Birthday Bill and Ruby.

Jake Merritt spent the night with

his grandparents, James and Joyce Merritt Friday night. Carly Scott, their granddaughter, spent the night Sunday night.

Chris, Nick and Pam McDowra spent part of their spring break with their grandmother, Barbara McDowra. Their cousin, Clay Vaughn, also stayed with them. Brock and Justin McDowra stayed two days with their grandmother.

T.J. and Margaret Fowler celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary March 19th.

Mason Garret Gentry had his first birthday Sunday, March 24th. He is the grandson of Don and Peggy Gentry, Deb and John Mitchell, daughter and grandson of Don and Peggy visited them for the weekend. They are from Lively.

We welcome Dwayne and Betty White to our community. They are the parents of Donna Crossland.

The breakfast held at the Fire Department was a great success. There was a lot of good food and fellowship. There will be a breakfast the third Saturday of each month from 7 AM to 10 AM. There have been many early risers and hard workers

preparing the serving the breakfast. Many thanks the T.J. and Margaret Fowler, Tim and Pat Davis, Keith Crossland, Jim McNabb, Dalton Gibson, David Shelton, Willie Crossland, Tim Davis, Jr., Larry Self, Joyce Merritt, Barbara McDowra, and Don and Peggy Gentry for their hard work.

Jo Biddle's aunt and uncle, Vera and L.V. Hook visited with Jo and Glen last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hook live in Marshall.

The Community Center and Volunteer Fire Department held their monthly business meeting Monday night. The meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Fire Department is selling raffle tickets for a brand new 4-wheeler. Anyone interested can call 652-5692, 652-9327 or 652-2244. The funds raised will be going toward new equipment for the fire department.

Mickey Keener visited with Bill and Ruby Blevins last week.

Ruby Blevins had lunch with her sisters, Alice Bumgarner and Linnie Bailey Saturday for her birthday.

Bobby and Sue Salter and family spent the weekend in Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver of Paris visited with Buster and Louise Crossland last week.

Keith McDowra visited his mother, Mrs. Yates and his aunt, Nina Cockerham at the Parkview Nursing Home Sunday.

Jimmy Day of Sulphur Springs visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Day last week.

Welcome Joey and Diane Wall to Pattonville.

**Deport Locals**

By *Barbara Crawford*  
CALL 652-4205

Tom and Midge Foley of Dallas spent time at Beaver's Bend, Oklahoma, then spent Wednesday through Sunday in Deport visiting with friends.

Thomas and Nanalee Nichols and Donny, Dawne and David Darden had dinner out Friday night.

Donny and Dawne Darden attended the fall clothing market in Dallas on Saturday.

Hugh and Vicki Jeffus, Christy and Jason Dickson and Chase had dinner together in Paris Thursday night.

Bobbye Slusher and Reba Temple visited Irene Gordon Thursday afternoon. Irene is improving at this time.

Lou Shepherd of Oklahoma City, Ok. visited with Helen Moore for her birthday last week.

Alan Short came to lunch with Jace Short. They had a very good meal at Deport School.

Gene and Jo Cavender went to Hot Springs, Arkansas and spent Saturday through Tuesday during spring break, then spent Tues. through Thursday at their lake lot on Lake Bob Sandlin.

they picked up Colby Bookman, their grandson and went to Arlington and spent until Saturday. While there they attended their granddaughter, Samantha Rae Lindsey's third birthday party at the Ft. Worth Zoo.

Mr. and Mrs. James Courtney of Levelland and daughters, Mary Ann Stegall of Maple have been visiting relatives in the area. Having lunch at the Lonesome Dove Restaurant Saturday were: The Courtneys; Mary Ann Stegall; Clyde and Bobbye Slusher; Lucy Fowler; Barbara Dunlap of Mesquite; Johnnie Warren of Deport Nursing Home, and Brenda Ross of Powderly.

### Friday 42 Club meets

The Friday 42 Club met on March 22 with Frances Franklin.

Winning high score were Jimmie King and Purna Haydock.

There were no visitors. A delicious refreshment plate was served.

The next meeting will be with Laverta Westbrook at Mary Alic Enox's on April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Newsom of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pate of Lufkin and Ruby Blevins of Pattonville visited Linnie Bailey and Alice Bumgarner Saturday.

Daulty Bell of Minter, Warren and Jeannette Bell of Houston and daughter and grandson, Kathy Shipley and Bill of Sacramento, CA, Gerald and Reisa Norville visited Patsy Wayland Norrell Saturday.

Visiting Glen and Dorothy Renfro on Friday were Clark and Libby Rather of League City, OK.

Tammy Currier and Anthonia Hagood visited their Uncle Kerry Saturday in Terrell, they ate at the Golden Corral and went to the Malibu Raceway in Dallas. Sunday they went to Reunion Towers. They brought home a new cat named Menow.

Dr. Stephen O'Brien of Euleus, Stephanie and Julie Ann, Standley O'Brien were in Mt. Pleasant and Paris recently.

Ted Peterson of Pasadena, husband of Christine Day is ill in Houston Hospital with heart problems.

Hammond Day of Parker enjoyed a call and visited from his brother, Bob Day, recently.

Cynthia Hickman was a recent visitor of the O'Brien families, from New York.

The O'Brien grandchildren recently enjoyed a ski trip to Taos, N.M. The snow was beautiful and still coming down, they report.

Stanley and Ruth O'Brien were recently in Hopewell ICommunity to see Bob and Martha Tingles' new home. Ruth took her great great niece Jerrica Tidwell to see her great great aunt Martha Tingle.

Kevin Day of shady Grove improves from a recent leg injury.

Ruth O'Brien and Sue Sheridan visited in the home of Pete and Mary Woodruff of Trenton, also Annie Mae Fulmer who is ill and has had recent surgery in Dallas. They are Ruth's cousins, grandchildren of the late Stephen Russell.

Mrs. Kenneth Burks, guest of Mrs. Grady Wright, along with other Region VIII board members' wives and their guests, were treated to a tour of Region VIII Service Center and lunch at Walker's Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday, March 20.

Billie, Nancy and Christina Murphy are uninjured after an accident in Plano Saturday afternoon. They were visiting relatives in Lewisville when the wreck occurred. Their car was totalled. We're glad they are unharmed.

## From The Pastor's Heart

Matthew 26:39 "And he went a little farther and fell on his face and prayed, saying O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."

Many times in our lives during times of stress and problems we have made statements such as: "My cup runneth over," or "This is the straw that broke the camel's back". These remarks indicated that we had reached our breaking point. As we read the story of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, we hear Jesus asking his Father to "let this cup pass".

In the Bible, the word cup is often used in an actual sense to refer to a vessel that holds food or liquid. At other times it is used in a metaphorical sense. Some examples of this are: "Cup of wrath," "Cup of indignation," "Cup of desolation," "Cup of astonishment," "Cup of trembling," and "Cup of Salvation" Matthew 26 tells the story of Jesus and his Disciples in the Upper Room as He gives them a Cup of Feasting, but in Gethsemane He received a Cup of grief, a Cup full of bitterness and death.

How did the Cup get so full? One drop at a time. We go through the life of Jesus and trace some of the drops that fell into the cup, in John 7, we see the unbelief of dear ones; In John 1:11 and John 7:1, 9 we see religious hostility from his own race; Matthew 26:69-75 he is denied by those closest to him: Betrayed by Judas, one of his own, and perhaps, the largest drops of all, the knowledge that He that knew no sin would take upon himself all the sins of the world and die upon a cross. Truly, His cup was full. But He took it and drank it down when He said, "Thy will be done" (Matthew 26:42).

But His Cup is our fountain (1 Cor. 10:16) To us it is a cup of blessing. Blessing of forgiveness; blessing of salvation; blessing of eternal life; blessing of perpetual access to God; blessing of being able to be heirs and joint-heirs with Jesus.

He drank that Bitter Cup that we might drink His Cup of Joy.  
L.C. Stout

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**Deport Housing Authority News**

By Mary Westbrook 652-3605

The Wednesday birthday party was held in the gazebo. Those attending were Maud Webb, Lisa Johnson, Alpha Barnard, Mary Westbrook, Floy Sparks, Mary Johnson, Willie Mae Spears, Eunice Ervin, Lucille Morgan, Thelma Shelby, Mavis Sowards, Juanita Primm, Betty Andrews.

Thursday at 2 p.m. in the gazebo we enjoyed crafts. Those attending were Mary Johnson, Maud Webb, Lisa Johnson, Floy Sparks, Lucille Morgan, Betty Andrews, Allen Johnson and Eunice Ervin.

Mrs. Kathy Bice returned to her home in Dumas Tuesday after visiting friends and relatives and taking care of her grandmother, Mrs. Bernice Elmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson and Nacole of Paris visited Carrie Bennett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kennedy of Ladonia visited Mrs. Mamie Kennedy on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ladd, Tom and Midge Foley and Clara and Richard Nance all enjoyed supper in Mt. Vernon on Saturday.

**Milton News**

By Mattylu Upchurch

Sheldon and Ann Lee returned home Tuesday after spending two weeks with their daughter and family Shelly and Eric Stoley, Kara and Sam of Shrewsbury, PA.

Visiting Nell Wolf this week was Carla Cauldwell of Clarksville and Cindy Talley of Deport.

Bobbie Hill of Camden, AR and son Andrew Hill of Memphis, TN visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch Wednesday and Thursday.

Edna Lee has been attending Bible School work shop this week at her church in Post Oak.

Mabel Pearson of Marshall and daughter Beth Stutzman of Gulf Breeze, FL visited Holland and Elizabeth Bell Wednesday.

Allen Dale Huddleston, Matt Wright and Bryan Gifford played golf in Wolf City Saturday.

Charlie Turner and Helen Temple are participating in the 35th Annual Bowling Tournament in Paris last

week-end and this week-end. Alternate Sponsors are Guaranty Bank of Deport and Deport City Drug.

Ivey Lee of Dallas spent the week-end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lee.

Shasta Riley took part in the track meet of Prairiland at Rivercrest School this week and tennis match Tuesday at Prairiland.

Doris Howland of Clarksville visited her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Dana Norman, Amanda and Steve on Sunday.

Elizabeth Walker visited her granddaughter Lisa Smith, Gale Smith and Julie Wallace and their families in Forney this week.

Ruth and T.J. Johnston of Paris and Vickie Reeves visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Sunday.

Ann and Sheldon Lee met Silas and Juanita Taylor of Minter for lunch in Paris Wednesday.

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